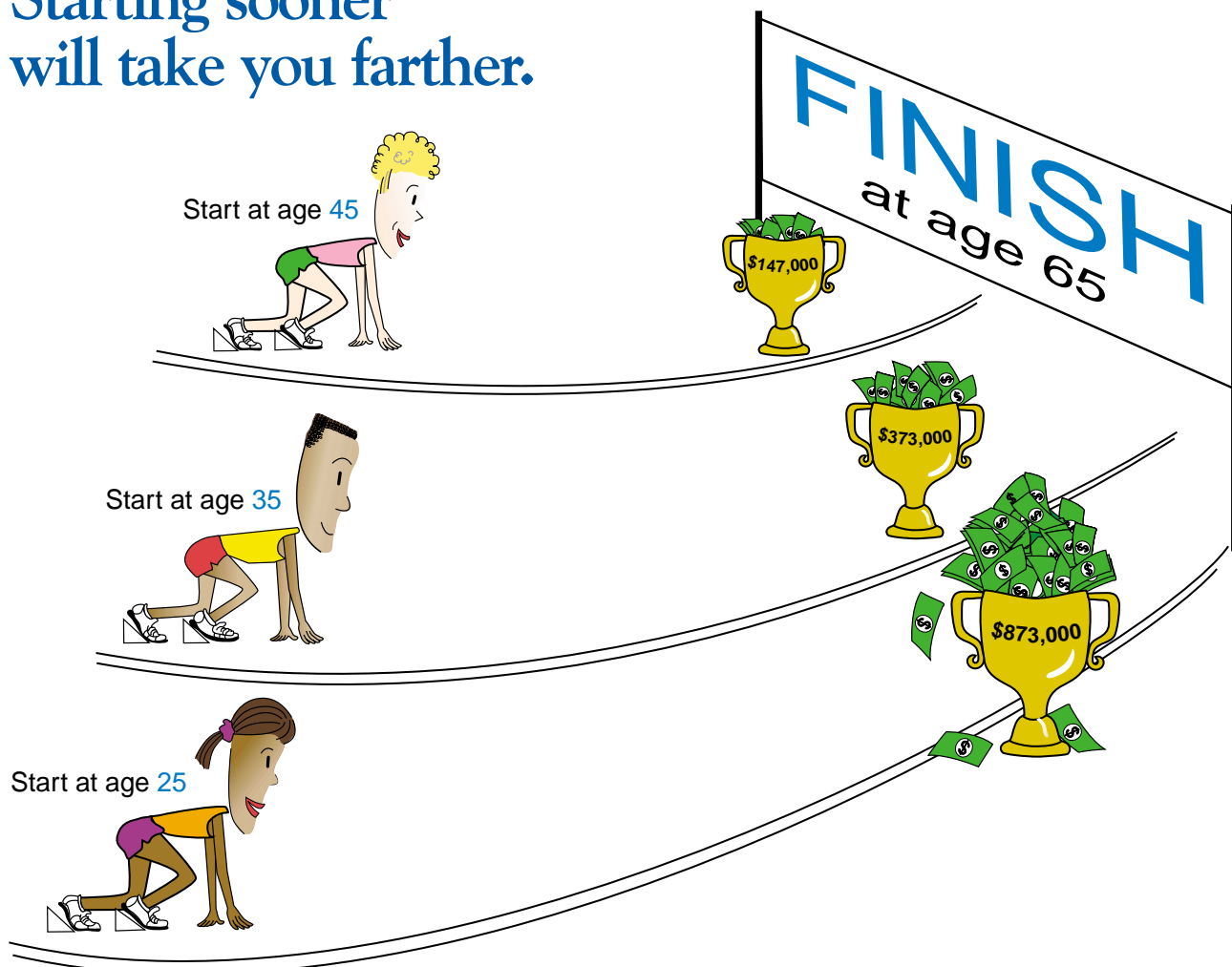


Start on the
right track
with the
TSP!



Thrift Savings Plan

Starting sooner will take you farther.



If you are a FERS employee earning \$30,000 a year . . . and you save 5% of your pay each year in the TSP until age 65 (assuming 8% interest, compounded monthly) . . .

. . . and you start saving at age 45, your money will grow to **\$147,000**.

Start at age 35, and you will have **\$373,000**.

Start at age 25, and your money will grow to **\$873,000**.

Even if you are a late starter, the TSP is a winning investment. Why? Because when you contribute 5%, 10% goes into your TSP account, thanks to agency matching money. Where else can you double your money instantly?

To get an idea of how your own account could grow, use the calculators on our Web site at www.tsp.gov or use the charts in the *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees*.

When you start to save early you win in two ways:



You get more matching contributions.

Every pay period you contribute to your account, you get matching contributions from your agency. Every pay period you don't contribute, you lose agency money that can never be recaptured. Your agency matches the first 3% of your basic pay that you contribute dollar for dollar. The next 2% is matched 50 cents on the dollar. So, to get the full agency match, you must contribute 5%. (Your agency also gives you an amount equal to 1% of your pay whether or not you contribute.)



Your money has more time to grow.

The longer you leave your money in your account, the more your money has the opportunity to grow through compounding. And because your contributions and earnings are not taxed until you take your money out, there is more money in your account to grow.

Be a winner! Read the *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees* and sign up through your agency employing office during a TSP open season.



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